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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

for

St Mary's with St George's German
Lutheran Church

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**St Mary's with St George's German
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**St Mary's with St George's German
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of St Mary's with St George's are those of a normal church, including, but not solely, those of worshipping God, preaching the good news of His love in Jesus Christ, celebrating and administering the sacraments, spiritual care for people, and supporting the work of the wider Church of Christian mission and the relief of suffering. For St Mary's with St George's this also includes a particular concern for those who need or wish to worship in the German language, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church's understanding of the Christian faith.

The object of the John Christian Schreiber Charity for Widows of Ministers is to provide financial support from an investment fund to widows of clergymen or officiating ministers of St Mary's German Lutheran Church. When there is no such widow the income is available by order of the Charity Commission for the purposes of the Church.

The objects of the Benevolent Fund are to make grants of money or gifts in kind, to such persons approved by the Trustees as are in conditions of need, hardship or distress having regard to but not exclusively those who are members of St Mary's German Lutheran Church.

Grantmaking

Grants made to individuals from the charities are now merged in the Benevolent Fund on the grounds of financial needs. Usually there is a budgeted transfer from the general funds of the Church to the Benevolent Fund to supplement the dividend income of the Fund.

Volunteers

With the exception of the Pastor, who is remunerated by the Synod, and the Pastoral Assistant, all services are given on a voluntary basis by the Church Council, who receive no remuneration.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Services, Membership and Attendance

Services statistics for the last five years are:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Number of services:	34	40	49	44	40
Average attendance:	31	46	37	26	27

There was 1 Christening during 2022, no confirmation classes weddings in August and one funeral.

In addition to the above, the congregation took part in joint services of the London German Churches on the first Sunday of the month, usually held at Christ Church in Knightsbridge or also on Zoom.

Special Activities

The whole structure of our congregational work changed during the pandemic and also because we no longer have two pastors since August 2022.

We have now moved to the following scheme:

Every first Wednesday of a month: 9.15 am Bible reflection (average attendance: 15)

Every fourth Thursday of a month: 6.00 pm Taizé-Prayer

Twice a year: Family afternoon

All weekends away for the congregation in Hoddesdon based High Leigh Christian conference center and for families (Youth hostel Medway) could not take place..

We continue to work together with the student chaplaincy from the Lutheran Council and the German Church, Rebekka Daniel. Several events were organised and held together, e.g. on Reformation day.

Several Synod meetings were again held in Sandwich Street on site. The church council also agreed that the German Synod relocated its business address from Tavistock Square to 10 Sandwich Street.

Most of the files and belongings of the Synod were transferred to archives in Germany and only a part of a cupboard in St. Mary's Church has been dedicated to the physical presence of the Synod.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Investment performance

Financial activity has remained at a level consistent with previous years. Income from investments representing unrestricted reserves will continue to be used to finance the day-to-day running of the church.

Funds are invested in medium risk COIF Charity Funds, which are exclusively available to charities and are designed to meet the specific investment needs of charities. 80% (2021 - 76%) of the value of investments is held in the COIF Investment Income Fund; 3% (2021- 4%) in the COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund; 17% (2021 - 21%) in the COIF Charities Investment Accumulation Fund; and 1% (2020 - 1%) is invested with National Savings.

The value of a unit in the COIF Charities Investment Income Fund fell by 11.63% (2021- Rise of 14.42%) , the value of a unit in the COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund fell by 12.64% (2021 - Rise of 6.5%) and the value of a unit in the COIF Charities Investment Accumulation Fund fell by 9% (2021 - Rose by 17.4%).

The COIF Charities Deposit Fund paid an average interest rate over the year of 0.13%, which reflects the current period of low interest rates. Cash balances held in COIF Reserve accounts have decreased during the year and are at £310,411 (2021 at £1,090,411).

The income from investments remains in line with low interest rates. The Church Council sees the investments and long term assets and fully appreciate that values may fall and rise again in the future. There are no immediate plans to withdraw from COIF Funds as these are still considered to be suitable long-term low risk investments and the charity is reliant on the income from these investments to carry out its activities.

The reserves are mainly represented by endowment funds, resulting not only from the large legacy in 2002 but also from the declaration by the Congregational Meeting at its session of 25 March 2001 pursuant to section 19 of the Church Order deeming certain assets to be church capital. Unrestricted funds available for general use by the church include interest earned on the legacy from Dr Walter Sonnenberg-Norten since 1991.

Internal and external factors

The fluctuating exchange rate is expected to effect the financial position of the charity as although most of its transactions are in Sterling the Pastor's salary is set in Euros so the annual contribution payable to the Synod is expected to increase in future.

Synod

The 69th Synod Assembly took place on Zoom (06./07. May 2022) for the third time in a row. The Synod service was held on zoom on Friday and was followed by debates and discussions on the following day.

Parish House.

After Pastor Rapp and his family had moved out of the manse a major refurbishment was done. The kitchen in the extension has been completely redesigned, including the installation of an electric underfloor heating system and the relocation of an exterior door. The living room has been carpeted with a new carpet and all interior walls have been painted. Additionally, new washbasins have been installed in 2 bathrooms, radiators have been replaced, and several windows have been fitted with double glazing. After an incident, the ceiling in one of the bedrooms has been renewed.

Lutheran Council's "Augustana Centre"

The Augustana Centre no longer exists. We got no income from renting out the premises from the Lutheran Council as they stopped this business.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The most significant financial transaction occurring for many years was the receipt in 2002 of a legacy amounting to around £850,000 (including interest but before tax reclaim). The receipt of such a significant sum of money increased reserves, and provides a substantial annual revenue stream from investments and deposits.

The ongoing activities of the church are funded mainly from income from its investments.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The Church Council only considers what it perceives to be low risk investments which provide constant income streams. These are usually COIF Charities Funds providing both dividend and interest income, but may include cash deposits and National Savings Bonds. The reserves policy is regularly reviewed since there are significant cash balances being held in bank deposit accounts.

Investment Powers

Investment and withdrawal of funds of the Church and of the associated charities shall be decided by the Church Council as a whole with the concurrence of the majority of Trustees.

There are no specific restrictions on the way the charity can operate.

Reserves policy

The Church Council maintains capital and endowment reserves in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them. Income reserves are maintained at levels which are considered to be necessary to cover future expenditure in the furtherance of the charity's objects.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

St. Mary's was founded in 1694 in the Savoy Palace. After many vicissitudes (including destruction of its church and school buildings by bombing in 1941) it completed in 1978, in co-operation with the Lutheran Council of Great Britain as lessee, a joint building which houses the latter's International Lutheran Student Centre as well as St. Mary's fifth church premises.

St. George's German Lutheran Church was founded in 1762 and its church building, completed in 1763, still stands in Alie Street, Whitechapel, London E1. The congregation having become too small to bear the cost of maintaining the building, it decided to join up with St. Mary's, the two having shared the same pastor since 1986, and to hand over its church building to the Historic Chapels Trust. The services have been celebrated jointly in St. Mary's Church since Advent 1996, and the merger was completed with the adoption of the joint constitution on 28 March 1999.

The governing document of St. Mary's with St. George's is the Constitution (Kirchenordnung). It provides inter alia that preaching and teaching in the congregation is to conform to the Confessional Writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and that St. Mary's with St. George's is a member of the German-speaking Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Great Britain ("the Synod").

Associated Charities

The charities associated with this Church and administered as part of its work are:

- (1) The Benevolent Fund in connection with St. Mary's with St. George's German Lutheran Church, registered number 253765
- (2) The Charity of John Christian Schreiber for Widows of Ministers, registered number 253763

The governing bodies of St. Mary's with St. George's are the Congregational Meeting and the Church Council which is the executive body.

Its members are the (Managing) Trustees of the Church and of all its property; they elect the holders of the offices mentioned below (other than the Pastor), including three Custodian Trustees.

The land and buildings of the Church are, however, vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.

Among the functions of the Congregational Meeting are the election of the Pastor, the Church Councillors, the appointment of the auditors, the approval of the annual financial statements / Management Accounts, and adoption of the budget.

Among the functions of the Church Council are the adoption of the orders of divine service (with the concurrence of the Congregational Meeting), and decisions on special offerings (such as those for causes outside the congregation).

The Church Council is also responsible for the administration of the church finances, investment decisions (with the concurrence of the majority of the custodian trustees), the keeping of financial records, and the preparation of the budget.

The church does not remunerate any member of the Church Council for their services and is therefore dependent on the services of unpaid volunteers who freely donate their time to the church.

Members of the Church Council

The members of the Church Council, serving from commencement of the financial year until the approval of the accounts were:

1. The Rev. Bernd Rapp, until July and The Rev. Silke Halfmann since August.
2. Mrs. Bärbel Grange
3. Dr Matthias Klammer, honorable treasurer since May 2016
4. Dr Martin Liebscher
5. Dr. Gudrun Stenbeck, Minutes' Secretary
6. Mr George Little

The Congressional meeting on 22nd November 2020 elected all Trustees unanimously for another 3 year term.

The Trustees of the two Linked Charities were the same as the above.

The Congregation is affiliated to the Synod of German Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain (the Synod) and to the Lutheran Council of Great Britain (LC).

The member representing us at the Synod has been Dr. Matthias Klammer. Pastor Bernd Rapp represented the congregation at the Synod and at the LC until July 2022. Since August 2022 the newly elected Rev. Silke Halfmann took over all his duties. (including serving as a Trustee on the board of the CLC.)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Decision making

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St. Mary's with St. George's shares the Pastor with the German Lutheran Congregation of St. Albans/Luton and the German Church Sydenham (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church).

The German pastors are seconded from the regional churches (Landeskirchen) in Germany via their federation, the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD). Their stipends are paid by the Synod. At present there are two Pastors serving in London and the Southeast.

Pastor Bernd Rapp started as Pastor on the 1st of August 2016 and served until July 2022. Pastor Silke Halfmann started as Pastor on 01 August 2022

The Church Council had previously decided (as part of the pastoral region London East) to adopt the system of employing a "10-months-minister" offered by the German Church (EKD), which is a program that allows retired pastors to work abroad on a 50% basis. Pastor Andreas Volke started the post 1st October 2020 until July 2021, and renewed his commitment and served again from September 2021 until July 2022. He obtained the (pre-) settled status.

Since the legal requirements for visa to the UK changed, we were unfortunately no longer able to participate in that program from the German Church (EKD). Hence since August 2022, we have only one pastor, The Rev. Silke Halfmann, serving the congregations.

We are fortunate to continuously employ Gabriele Schonfeld on an hourly basis, up to 5 hours per week to help us as a financial administrator.

The Congregational Meeting met once in 2022 (12th May on Zoom due to the pandemic situation), to deal mainly with finances, the 2021 accounts and the 2022 budget and to report about the completion of the substantial renovation of the building. For this task we were working together with Urberrum Architects, London. The congregational meeting in June 2020 and May 2021 had discussed and agreed to carry out these works.

The Church Council met 9 times (mainly on Zoom) and there were several meetings of a joint sub committee (comprising members of the three congregations) to organize the work that affects all 3 congregations together.

One of the primary items on the agenda of the Church Council was to oversee the finishing of the renovation project. Additionally, they addressed a conflict among trustees, responded to a burglary incident in which certain components of the new technical equipment were stolen, and engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the defective organ, exploring the options of repair or replacement. Ultimately, a decision was reached to procure a new organ in 2023.

Furthermore, we are actively engaged in the development of the "Lutheran Hub" and were delighted to serve as the host venue for numerous events organized by the CLC (Christian Lutheran Community).

We are very fortunate to still employ Edith Rosenthal, who works remotely and deals with questions around the "Senfkorn", advertising our programme and coordinating our work. She also took over to organise the growing number of groups and people who are using the newly renovated rooms. We continue to rely on the help of Mauricio Uosta, who lives in Sandwich Street as a caretaker for normally 2 hours a week for the church.

The Health and Safety policy developed with the help of David Rogers is in place and has been reviewed along with our other policies.

We said farewell to our pastor of the last 6 years, Bernd Rapp and also to the assistant Andreas Volke in the summer 2022. The new pastor Silke Halfmann started on 1st August 2022.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Activities during the year

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Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have considered the Public Benefit requirement and believe that the Charity's current activities are in line with the Charity Commission guidelines.

The trustees believe that promoting the work of the wider Christian Church within the Parish provides a public benefit through:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development for its members and the wider community without exception.
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.
- Providing assistance, in the forms of special offerings for causes outside the congregation locally, nationally and internationally.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

253762

Principal address

10 Sandwich Street
London
WC1H 9PL

Trustees

Rev Bernd Rapp (resigned 31.7.22)
Mrs Bärbel Grange
Mr Matthias Klammer
Mr Martin Liebscher
Mrs Monika Schiffer
Dr Gudrun Stenbeck
Mr George Little
Ms Anne Meyer
Reverend Silke Halfmann (appointed 1.8.22)

Independent Examiner

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Solicitors

The charity's solicitors are RadcliffesLeBrasseur of 85 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1AE

Bankers

The charity banks with Barclays Bank PLC, Temple Fortune Branch, Edgware Group, 126 Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 7RY and Commerzbank AG, Filiale Fulda, Universitätsstrasse 7, 36037 Fulda.

Enquiries

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Parsonage

The Parsonage address is 22 Downside Crescent, London, NW3 2AR.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26.8.2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend Silke Halfmann - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St Mary's with St George's German
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Mary's with St George's German Lutheran Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's with St George's German Lutheran Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 17 September 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	36,087	-	-	36,087	8,805
Other trading activities	3	852	-	-	852	434
Investment income	4	105,030	-	-	105,030	85,985
Total		<u>141,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,969</u>	<u>95,224</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
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Grants		33,552	-	-	33,552	32,909
Staffing		11,171	-	-	11,171	24,482
Church premises		497	-	-	497	1,533
House		22,031	-	-	22,031	9,576
Church work		15,646	-	-	15,646	13,691
Other		4,220	-	-	4,220	5,690
Total		<u>87,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,117</u>	<u>87,881</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(237,034)</u>	<u>(119)</u>	<u>(229,441)</u>	<u>(466,594)</u>	<u>492,894</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(182,182)</u>	<u>(119)</u>	<u>(229,441)</u>	<u>(411,742)</u>	<u>500,237</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		3,398,811	13,523	3,323,821	6,736,155	6,235,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>3,216,629</u>	<u>13,404</u>	<u>3,094,380</u>	<u>6,324,413</u>	<u>6,736,155</u>

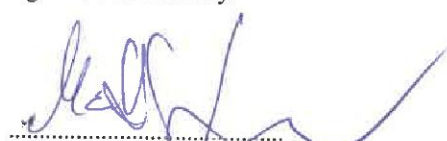
The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	10	69,046	-	1,555,192	1,624,238	1,336,453
Investments	11	2,834,382	907	1,472,060	4,307,349	4,073,941
		<u>2,903,428</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>3,027,252</u>	<u>5,931,587</u>	<u>5,410,394</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	12	45,937	-	-	45,937	22,725
Cash at bank		269,664	12,497	67,128	349,289	1,305,436
		<u>315,601</u>	<u>12,497</u>	<u>67,128</u>	<u>395,226</u>	<u>1,328,161</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,400)	-	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>313,201</u>	<u>12,497</u>	<u>67,128</u>	<u>392,826</u>	<u>1,325,761</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,216,629</u>	<u>13,404</u>	<u>3,094,380</u>	<u>6,324,413</u>	<u>6,736,155</u>
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FUNDS	14					
Unrestricted funds					3,216,629	3,398,811
Restricted funds					13,404	13,523
Endowment funds					3,094,380	3,323,821
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>6,324,413</u>	<u>6,736,155</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on30.8.2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr Matthias Klammer - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost. Revaluation surpluses are taken to reserves. Depreciation, where provided, is calculated to write off tangible fixed assets on an appropriate basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold property is stated at cost. No depreciation is provided on the land element as it is deemed to have an infinite useful life. Depreciation is not provided on buildings on the basis that net realisable value exceeds the carrying amount in the accounts.

Equipment includes church plate, church organs, and other fixtures and fittings owned by the church and is stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on cost less residual value at the following rates:

Church Plate	- 20% per annum
Other Fixtures and Equipment	- 20% per annum
Hymn Books, Service Orders, etc	- 20% per annum
Computer Equipment	-25% per annum

Motor vehicles are stated at the church's share of cost less depreciation, which is provided at 20% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments, which are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Donations	23,609	8,805
Funds towards Pastor House	12,478	-
	<u>36,087</u>	<u>8,805</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other events	852	434
	<u>852</u>	<u>434</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Ground rents receivable	3,934	1,446
Dividends	96,190	84,338
Deposit account interest	4,906	201
	<u>105,030</u>	<u>85,985</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Grants	17	33,535	-	33,552
Staffing	11,171	-	-	11,171
Church premises	497	-	-	497
House	-	-	22,031	22,031
Church work	15,646	-	-	15,646
	<u>27,331</u>	<u>33,535</u>	<u>22,031</u>	<u>82,897</u>

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Grants	<u>33,535</u>	<u>32,700</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	-	4,220	4,220
House	22,031	-	22,031
	<u>22,031</u>	<u>4,220</u>	<u>26,251</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No remuneration was received during the year by the Trustees, apart from the Pastor, who is paid by the Synod. Total contributions to the Synod towards key management remuneration during the year totalled £26,000 (2020 - £26,000).

Trustees' expenses

During the year £214.85 (2020: £387.64) was reimbursed to the trustees for expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	8,805	-	-	8,805
Other trading activities	434	-	-	434
Investment income	85,985	-	-	85,985
Total	<u>95,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,224</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Grants	32,909	-	-	32,909
Staffing	24,482	-	-	24,482
Church premises	1,533	-	-	1,533
House	9,576	-	-	9,576
Church work	13,691	-	-	13,691
Other	5,690	-	-	5,690
Total	<u>87,881</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,881</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(204,936)	128	697,702	492,894
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(197,593)</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>697,702</u>	<u>500,237</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	3,596,404	13,395	2,626,119	6,235,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>3,398,811</u>	<u>13,523</u>	<u>3,323,821</u>	<u>6,736,155</u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2022	1,267,692	112,810	5,750	6,230	1,392,482
Additions	287,500	1,079	-	-	288,579
At 31 December 2022	1,555,192	113,889	5,750	6,230	1,681,061
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2022	-	45,442	5,750	4,837	56,029
Charge for year	-	215	-	579	794
At 31 December 2022	-	45,657	5,750	5,416	56,823
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2022	1,555,192	68,232	-	814	1,624,238
At 31 December 2021	1,267,692	67,368	-	1,393	1,336,453

All assets owned by the church are held for charitable use in the furtherance of the church's objectives.

Freehold Property comprises the church premises of St Mary's and the Parish House. The church premises of St George's is owned by the Historic Chapels Trust and does not form part of the church's assets. The land element included in Freehold Property cannot be reliably estimated and a valuation of the total market value of freehold land and buildings owned by the church is deemed unrealistic as the church property is regarded as unmarketable due to the very long renewable lease held by the Lutheran Council.

Fixtures and Equipment include church plate stated at cost or valuation totalling £67,125, which is based on a professional valuation in 2000 as most items are hundreds of years old and the actual cost of these items is unknown. No depreciation is provided on church plate due to the high residual value of these items. Candle holders and an altar cross which the St George's congregation brought to St Mary's when joining are now being kept at the newly refurbished St George's premises, but they remain the property of St Mary's and are insured by the Historic Chapels Trust.

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2022	4,044,941	29,000	4,073,941
Additions	700,000	-	700,000
Revaluations	(466,592)	-	(466,592)
At 31 December 2022	4,278,349	29,000	4,307,349
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2022	4,278,349	29,000	4,307,349
At 31 December 2021	4,044,941	29,000	4,073,941

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2021	4,044,941	29,000	4,073,941
Valuation in 2022	233,408	-	233,408
	<u>4,278,349</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>4,307,349</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other debtors	<u>45,937</u>	<u>22,725</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other creditors	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General reserve	1,675,132	(82,466)	1,592,666
Fixed asset reserve	853,545	-	853,545
Repairs reserve	813,219	(99,716)	713,503
Commitments reserve	56,915	-	56,915
	<u>3,398,811</u>	<u>(182,182)</u>	<u>3,216,629</u>
Restricted funds			
The Benevolent Fund	8,637	(119)	8,518
Outside causes	4,886	-	4,886
	<u>13,523</u>	<u>(119)</u>	<u>13,404</u>
Endowment funds			
Church endowments	1,539,124	(33,446)	1,505,678
Church s19	1,443,059	(165,874)	1,277,185
Church St George's s19	259,102	(20,526)	238,576
The Benevolent Fund	26,512	(3,082)	23,430
Schreiber for Widows Fund	56,024	(6,513)	49,511
	<u>3,323,821</u>	<u>(229,441)</u>	<u>3,094,380</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,736,155</u>	<u>(411,742)</u>	<u>6,324,413</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General reserve	141,969	(87,117)	(137,318)	(82,466)
Repairs reserve	-	-	(99,716)	(99,716)
	141,969	(87,117)	(237,034)	(182,182)
Restricted funds				
The Benevolent Fund	-	-	(119)	(119)
Endowment funds				
Church endowments	-	-	(33,446)	(33,446)
Church s19	-	-	(165,874)	(165,874)
Church St George's s19	-	-	(20,526)	(20,526)
The Benevolent Fund	-	-	(3,082)	(3,082)
Schreiber for Widows Fund	-	-	(6,513)	(6,513)
	-	-	(229,441)	(229,441)
TOTAL FUNDS	141,969	(87,117)	(466,594)	(411,742)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General reserve	1,967,269	(292,137)	1,675,132
Fixed asset reserve	853,561	(16)	853,545
Repairs reserve	718,659	94,560	813,219
Commitments reserve	56,915	-	56,915
	3,596,404	(197,593)	3,398,811
Restricted funds			
The Benevolent Fund	8,509	128	8,637
Outside causes	4,886	-	4,886
	13,395	128	13,523
Endowment funds			
Church endowments	1,019,636	519,488	1,539,124
Church s19	1,265,124	177,935	1,443,059
Church St George's s19	269,116	(10,014)	259,102
The Benevolent Fund	23,206	3,306	26,512
Schreiber for Widows Fund	49,037	6,987	56,024
	2,626,119	697,702	3,323,821
TOTAL FUNDS	6,235,918	500,237	6,736,155

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General reserve	95,224	(87,865)	(299,496)	(292,137)
Fixed asset reserve	-	(16)	-	(16)
Repairs reserve	-	-	94,560	94,560
	95,224	(87,881)	(204,936)	(197,593)
Restricted funds				
The Benevolent Fund	-	-	128	128
Endowment funds				
Church endowments	-	-	519,488	519,488
Church s19	-	-	177,935	177,935
Church St George's s19	-	-	(10,014)	(10,014)
The Benevolent Fund	-	-	3,306	3,306
Schreiber for Widows Fund	-	-	6,987	6,987
	-	-	697,702	697,702
TOTAL FUNDS	95,224	(87,881)	492,894	500,237

Capital and Endowment Funds

Church Endowments
Church s19 Capital
Church s19 St George's
The Benevolent Fund
Schreiber for Widows Fund

Capital funds generate income to be used for the work of the church in achieving the objectives of the charity. These capital amounts are restricted and cannot be used for current expenditure. The Church s19 Capital fund was created under the Church Order to protect the capital and help ensure adequate income would be created for the future to fulfil the church's obligations, and likewise the Church s19 St George's fund was created to protect the capital received on the merger with St Mary's. This group of funds also includes the two specific funds from the linked charities.

Restricted Income Funds

The Benevolent Income
Outside Causes Fund

Restricted income funds relate to income which can only be used for specific purposes. The Benevolent Income Fund combines the income from the corresponding capital fund with additional funds, to be used for grants to persons in need. The Outside Causes Fund was created by the Congregational Meeting to enable the church to make gifts to causes in addition to those on the church's monthly list.

General Unrestricted Funds

General reserve

General unrestricted reserve is a residual reserve for use in the furtherance of the charity's objectives without any specific restriction. This currently includes a notional separate reserve for the income accumulated on the capital legacy from Dr WS Norten while the church seeks advice on permitted uses of these funds.

Designated Asset Funds

Fixed asset reserve

Designated asset reserves mostly represent funds accumulated for replacing assets at the end of their life at the prices then expected to prevail. This expenditure does not occur annually and is expected to be significant so reserves are grown to ensure adequate funds will be available when required.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Other Designated Funds

Repairs reserve

Commitments reserve

Other designated reserves are created for significant non-capital expenditure expected in future years. As with the reserves for capital items, these are grown annually to ensure adequate funds will be available when required.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022 or 2021.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	23,609	8,805
Funds towards Pastor House	12,478	-
	<hr/> 36,087	<hr/> 8,805
Other trading activities		
Other events	852	434
Investment income		
Ground rents receivable	3,934	1,446
Dividends	96,190	84,338
Deposit account interest	4,906	201
	<hr/> 105,030	<hr/> 85,985
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 141,969	<hr/> 95,224
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	200	1,533
Church repairs	297	-
Motor expenses	3,403	3,245
Travel	645	280
postage & stationery	420	413
Telephone	350	317
Computer	864	650
Pastor's Assistant	11,171	24,482
Subscriptions	41	250
Community work	1,543	615
Cost of services	6,120	4,699
Bank charges	-	95
Public relations	1,225	1,486
Children/confirmations	17	209
Plant and machinery	1,035	1,641
Synod contributions	28,750	26,000
To individuals & charities	4,785	6,700
	<hr/> 60,866	<hr/> 72,615
Support costs		
Management		
Rates and water	1,129	1,710
Insurance	4,385	5,103
Light and heat	120	180
Office costs	94	-
Repairs and maintenance	16,303	2,583
	<hr/> 22,031	<hr/> 9,576
Governance costs		
Bookkeeping	116	-
Carried forward	116	-

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	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	116	-
Independent examiner's fees	2,400	2,400
Legal fees	-	1,152
Bookkeeping fees	1,704	2,138
	<hr/> 4,220	<hr/> 5,690
Total resources expended	87,117	87,881
Net income	<hr/> 54,852	<hr/> 7,343